

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Ron Stoker, on January 15, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Julie French (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. William J. Jones (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 77, 1/5/2007; HB92, 1/5/2007  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HB 77**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:01 Rep. Edith Clark (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 77, Right of recovery under Medicaid provisions of the deficit reduction act.

**Proponents Testimony:**

00:03:39 Jeff Buska, Administrator, Quality Assurance Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(huh09a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh09a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh09a03\)](#)

00:15:06 Mark Burzyski, Vice President of Health Affairs, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana

00:15:53 Angela Huschka, New West Health Services

**Opponents:** none.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:16:53 Ali Bovingdon, Attorney General's Office

00:21:15 Christina Goe, Attorney General's Office

00:22:28 Rep. Stoker

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:43 Rep. Dutton

00:24:22 Mr. Burzyski

00:24:45 Rep. Peterson

00:25:19 Ms. Goe

00:27:54 Rep. Stoker

00:28:04 Ms. Goe

00:28:20 Rep. Peterson

00:28:49 Mr. Buska

00:33:58 Rep. Peterson

00:34:18 Mr. Buska

00:36:06 Rep. McGillvray

00:36:25 Mr. Buska

00:39:14 Rep. Ingraham

00:39:45 Mr. Buska

00:41:22 Mr. Burzyski

00:41:52 Rep. Dutton

00:42:43 Mr. Buska

00:44:11 Rep. Ingraham

00:44:38 Mr. Buska

00:45:40 Rep. French

00:46:21 Mr. Buska

00:48:03 Rep. Peterson

00:49:16 Rep. Stoker  
00:49:26 Rep. Peterson  
00:49:44 Mr. Buska  
00:50:01 Barbara Hoffmann, Attorney, DPHHS  
00:50:40 Mr. Buska  
00:52:05 Rep. Stoker  
00:52:14 Ms. Bovingdon  
00:54:16 Rep. Peterson  
00:54:29 Rep. Stoker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:40 Rep. Clark

**HEARING ON HB 92**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:56:11 Rep. Eve Franklin (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 92, Modernize public health laws.

**Proponents Testimony:**

01:00:03 Jane Smilie, Administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, DPHHS

**EXHIBIT(huh09a04)**

01:08:12 Tom Ellerhoff, Department of Environmental Quality  
01:08:43 Lora Wier, Public Health Nurse, Montana Public Health Association

01:09:27 Ellen Leahy, Missoula Public Health Department

**EXHIBIT(huh09a05)**

01:12:17 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties  
01:12:53 Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer for Lewis and Clark County, Association of Montana Public Health Officials

**EXHIBIT(huh09a06)**

01:15:24 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association  
01:16:02 Charles Brooks, Yellowstone County Commissioners  
01:17:12 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

**Opponents Testimony:**

01:17:44 John Fitzpatrick, NW Energy

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:23:17 Rep. McAlpin  
01:23:33 Ms. Leahy  
01:23:56 Rep. Becker  
01:24:27 Ms. Smilie  
01:26:09 Rep. McGillvray  
01:27:39 Ms. Smilie  
01:31:33 Rep. Ingraham  
01:32:30 Ms. Smilie  
01:33:15 Rep. McAlpin  
01:33:30 Ms. Smilie  
01:33:35 Rep. Peterson  
01:38:12 Ms. Smilie  
01:45:19 Denise Pizzini, Counsel, DPHHS, Public Health and  
Safety Division  
01:49:24 Rep. Stoker  
01:49:30 Rep. Reinhart  
01:49:39 Ms. Pizzini  
01:51:00 Rep. Reinhart  
01:51:11 Ms. Leahy  
01:53:44 Rep. Becker  
01:55:00 Ms. Smilie  
01:57:47 Rep. Caffero  
01:59:08 Ms. Smilie  
01:59:23 Ms. Leahy  
02:04:29 Rep. Sands  
02:05:25 Ms. Smilie  
02:06:59 Rep. Jones  
02:07:59 Rep. Franklin  
02:08:43 Ms. Smilie  
02:10:46 Rep. Dutton  
02:11:03 Ms. Smilie  
02:15:43 Rep. McGillvray  
02:16:26 Ms. Smilie  
02:18:33 Tom Ellerhoff  
02:20:07 Rep. McGillvray  
02:20:57 Ms. Smilie  
02:23:00 Mr. Ellerhoff  
02:23:49 Rep. Becker  
02:24:15 Ms. Smilie  
02:24:33 Rep. Ingraham  
02:25:13 Ms. Smilie  
02:25:49 Rep. Stoker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:26:36 Rep. Franklin  
02:32:12 Rep. McAlpin  
02:32:45 Rep. Stoker

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.

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REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

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DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([huh09aad.pdf](#))**